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PROJECT COST CAN  
BE CUT; JUST DEBT  
MUST BE ASSUMEDNo Repudiation of Charges  
Properly Assessable  
Against Salt River Irrigation  
Works, Stand of  
Farmers' MeetingKING AND HAYDEN  
ASSAILED BY LINGExplanation of Cost Com-  
puting and Time Extension  
Plans Brings Out  
Stinging Rebuke for the  
"Objectors"Facing the most difficult of audi-  
ences—one whose prejudices had  
been aroused by the specious oratory  
of R. M. Ling, Judge Will R. King,  
chief counsel to the reclamation com-  
mission, and Hon. Carl Hayden, Ariz-  
ona's representative in congress,  
yesterday drove home with telling  
force the one big idea in connection  
with the reclamation time extension  
and cost survey plans—that there is  
to be no repudiation of any just  
debts.Slurs cast upon the reclamation of-  
ficials and even upon Arizona's con-  
gressman, cleverly twisted facts and  
figures, distorted statements of high  
authorities, were crashing down in  
discredit, when, with a few simple,  
direct facts, the thinking speakers of  
yesterday's farmers' meeting had  
their belated turns upon the floor.The controversy grew—or rather it  
was nursed into being—on a basis  
of the action of the board of govern-  
ors and the council in the morning  
session, when it was decided over-  
whelmingly that because the people  
of the valley had entrusted their af-  
fairs to these representatives, no  
special election should be called to  
select an engineer to represent Salt  
river project on the cost computing  
board, and that the appointment of  
a representative, when made, should  
be done by the governors and coun-  
cil acting jointly.When Mr. Ling began quoting  
laws and things of that sort, he ran  
up against Judge King, whom the  
government pays a salary to know  
about these matters. When he be-  
gan whooping it up about lawmakers  
he had Carl Hayden in his hair.  
Judge King stated very calmly and  
definitely that Mr. Ling was wrong  
on every single law point he brought  
up. Mr. Hayden took up the ques-  
tion of the acceptance, and proved  
that it was not the intention of the  
secretary that the people should sign  
before they were told what they  
would have to pay. The paragraph  
in the time extension bill which Ling  
attributed to a selfish and tyrannical  
secretary, Hayden stated had been  
written by Congressman Frank W.  
Mondell of Wyoming, a real friend  
of the irrigator.King's Explanation  
Judge King, introduced by  
President John P. Orme of the Water  
Users' association, who said that  
after the visitor's remarks, each man  
present would be given five minutes  
in which to ask questions.Judge King outlined the cost com-  
puting plan much as he had done in  
the morning. He said the secretary  
proposed to inform himself as to the  
reasonable cost of each project before  
settling what the assessed cost should  
be. He does not have to do this  
under the law, for the law gives him  
the power to fix the charge. And  
under the law, neither can he dele-  
gate the duty to any man or body  
of men.On each project, Mr. Ling plans  
to have a project board consisting of  
an engineer of the reclamation ser-  
vice—not necessarily one who has  
had anything to do with building the  
project—an accountant representing  
the secretary of the interior and an  
engineer or expert named by the  
Water Users' association.The findings of this board, with  
such recommendations as it sees fit  
to make—together with such minority  
reports as the project member may  
submit—will go to a board of re-  
view, which will consider only such  
points on which the lower board  
doesn't agree. Then he, himself, will  
take the report of the board, and if  
there are no objections by the water  
users, shall say that the cost is such  
and so.The only place where the time ex-  
tension law and the project cost plan  
refer to each other is in the next  
provision—that of the acceptance of the  
twenty-year privilege. After having  
had the public notice of the exact  
cost the various boards and finally  
the secretary may fix, the water user  
has six months in which to file his  
announcement that he accepts the  
proposition. And yet, it is not com-  
pulsory to take the twenty-year  
privilege. Those who do not want  
it may continue under the old ten  
equal annual installments plan—  
still, however, obligated to pay the  
pro rata based on what the boards  
and the secretary fix as the cost of  
the improvements.This is in brief, Judge King's ex-  
planation, together with some of the  
facts brought out in the questioning  
that followed. Then C. C. Thompson  
(Continued on Page Five)VOTE OF THANKS FOR  
MESSRS KING AND LANEAt the conclusion of the after-  
noon meeting of the water users,  
Rudolph Kuchler moved and the  
meeting passed a vote of thanks  
for Judge King, for his interest in  
listening to the arguments the  
farmers had made before him, and  
for the secretary of the interior, in  
gratitude for his interest in send-  
ing his representative here.Joint Meeting Is  
To Name Expert On  
Cost CommissionAlthough it was supposed to be a  
joint meeting of the board of gov-  
ernors and council of the Water  
Users' association, yesterday morn-  
ing's session with Judge King was  
much interrupted and confused by  
the matter which President Orme per-  
mitted outsiders to get into the record.  
So it was well after noon before the  
vote was finally taken on the one  
important matter for which the meet-  
ing was called. The meeting decided  
to retain the right the water users  
had given it, to manage the affairs  
of the project, and to name the ex-  
pert who is to be the association's  
member of the project cost computing  
board.The action followed an exposition  
of the secretary's plan by Judge King,  
and a long series of more or less  
wandering arguments started by the  
objectors, who offered their objections  
over the head of the presiding officer.  
Finally, Charles Peterson moved that  
the matter of naming the engineer  
be kept in the hands of the joint  
meeting. Rudolph Kuchler, who had  
been instructed at a meeting at Glen-  
dale, opposed the naming of an en-  
gineer. He moved a substitute mo-  
tion, that the matter be referred to  
the water users. It was explained  
that the election would mean a re-  
vision of both the by-laws and the  
articles of incorporation, and that it  
would mean an expenditure of about  
\$750. W. J. Sturmy moved an amend-  
ment that the board submit but one  
name to the people for their approval,  
but this amendment was not seconded.  
The result of the vote on the sub-  
stitute motion was:In the board—Aye, 1; nay, 8.  
In the council—Aye, 4; nay, 17.  
On the original motion, the vote  
was just reversed, and it passed,  
25 to 5.The meeting was adjourned until  
the first Monday in December.WOULD PUNISH  
PARENTS NOT  
WHIP CHILDRENMore Training for Fathers  
and Mothers and Less  
Corporal Punishment  
Urged by Prominent Edu-  
cators in ConferenceDETROIT, Nov. 20.—The prosecu-  
tion of parents instead of their chil-  
dren, the extension of mothers' peni-  
tentiaries, relieving children of the neces-  
sity of working to support the home;  
less corporal punishment, and more  
uniform marriage and divorce laws,  
met the general approval of the dele-  
gates of the National League of Com-  
pulsory Education.Recommendations were made dur-  
ing the discussion of the subject of  
subnormal children, which was led by  
William L. Bodine, superintendent of  
Chicago. Parents have a tremendous  
force for good, according to Bodine.  
"There is a noticeable increase of  
subnormal children," he said. "Par-  
ents should be given proper training  
to overcome this problem, and if they  
will not benefit accordingly we should  
prosecute the parents more and the  
children less. In the higher educa-  
tion of the children, let us get at the  
lower education of the parents."Bodine also urged the league to  
go on record favoring expansion of  
the powers of juvenile courts, so that  
the parents of children, who would be  
put on probation in cases of viola-  
tion of the compulsory education laws,  
mentally deficient children when  
drunkards and lunatics marry.The convention will conclude its ses-  
sions tomorrow afternoon. Ninety  
delegates, prominent educational work-  
ers, are attending the meetings.THE DECISIVE  
BATTLE MAY BE  
UNDER WAYPoland Scene of Two Gi-  
gantic Conflicts in Which  
Reinforced Armies of Rus-  
sia Are Being Assailed by  
Kaiser's ForcesRUSSIANS CLAIM  
PARTIAL SUCCESSAnother Battle in East Prus-  
sia—Elements Taking  
Part—Balkans on Edge of  
War—England Fears In-  
vasion by TeutonLONDON, Nov. 20.—Two big bat-  
tles, either or both of which may  
have decisive results, are being  
fought in Poland and a third con-  
flict, of almost equal importance, is  
progressing in East Prussia. Of the  
three battles, that which is now at  
its height between the Vistula and  
Warta rivers, in which the Russians  
tonight claim partial success, is ex-  
citing by far the greatest interest.The Germans, it is believed, have  
brought up by their line of strategic  
highways in Posen and Silesia at  
least a half million men, in an effort  
to break the Russian line at this  
point. Weather conditions, the frozen  
ground, the situation of the bat-  
tled field favor a battle decisive to a  
degree not equaled by any other  
field of the present war. The other  
battle in Poland is taking place on  
the Cracow-Czestochowa front, and  
both Russians and Germans claim it  
is proceeding satisfactorily for them.In East Prussia, the Russian ad-  
vance is moving slowly through the  
country surrounding the Masurian  
lakes, which are difficult of passage.  
In Galicia the Russians are moving  
steadily westward, and at the same  
time, setting the passes in the Car-  
pathians. There is now an almost  
complete absence of infantry attacks  
in the western arena and artillery  
fighting is of much less violence. All  
that region about Dixmude through  
which the Yser canal passes, is in-  
undated, and the only serious fight-  
ing at present appears to be taking  
place south of Ypres, where cannon-  
ading of considerable intensity is in  
progress.Very bad weather, which necessari-  
ly hampers the operations, has been  
experienced, and snow has fallen in  
some places.There has been no important action  
in the French center, but in the  
Argonne region the Germans have  
made vigorous attacks, which the  
French say they have repulsed. On  
the French right wing the Germans  
have retaken the village of Chauva-  
court, part of which they blew up a  
few days ago.The activity of the Germans in the  
vicinity of Rheims sharpened.  
The advance by Austria onto Ser-  
bia is creating uneasiness in Bul-  
garia as to the future of the Balkan  
states. The question as to whether  
Bulgaria should remain neutral or  
throw in its lot with the allies was  
discussed today in Sobranje. Leaders  
of the democratic party that the  
allies should be consulted as to their  
intentions regarding the future of the  
Balkans. Italy, too, has been af-  
fected by Austrian advance, and am-  
bassadors at the European capitals  
have been called home to confer with  
the cabinet.Maurice Imperial, the Italian am-  
bassador to Great Britain, will leave  
for Rome tomorrow. In order to pre-  
vent supplies of tea reaching Ger-  
many from England through neutral  
countries, Great Britain has prohib-  
ited its exportation to European  
countries, except to those of the al-  
lies, Spain and Portugal. Since the  
outbreak of the war exports of tea  
to Holland have reached enormous  
proportions.The admiralty has taken further  
steps for the protection of the east  
coast ports by the extension of the  
mine field. This seems to give some  
support to the rumors, current for  
several days, that a German raid on  
the east coast is expected. In fact,  
it is generally believed here that if  
Germany is balked in other designs,  
it will attempt to attack England, no  
matter how desperate such an ex-  
tortion may be considered.Numbers Not Decisive  
BERLIN, Nov. 20.—The Russians  
have numbers on their side but num-  
bers alone are not a decisive factor  
in the present stage of the war. We  
do not fear Russian numerical su-  
periority. At Tannenberg the Rus-  
sians outnumbered us three to one,  
yet the result was a notable German  
victory. These views of Gen. Von  
Hindenburg, facing the great Russian  
war machine were expressed in con-  
versation by the Vienna Neue Freie  
Press correspondent. "The Russians  
are good soldiers; they observe dis-  
cipline, but discipline of another sort  
than that of the Austro-Germans  
which is based on thinking execution  
of a command while the Russian dis-  
cipline is based on the execution of  
(Continued on Page Six)NEW YORK JOB  
EMPORIUM BUSYNEW YORK, Nov. 20.—With  
thirty-five hundred applications  
from yesterday's opening rush, and  
almost similar activity today, the  
new municipal employment bureau  
had but four jobs left to offer.ALL IN READINESS  
FOR KICK-OFF IN NEW  
YALE "BOWL" TODAY[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
NEW HAVEN, Nov. 20.—All signs  
point to perfect weather conditions  
overhead and a slow field underfoot  
for the Harvard-Yale football game  
tomorrow. The forecast is for a fair  
sky and a cold, snappy atmosphere,  
but coaches fear, however, that the  
change will come too late to benefit  
the gridiron, which tonight is soft  
and slippery as a result of the heavy  
rain Thursday.There is no drop in the enthu-  
siasm of prospective spectators, how-  
ever, thousands of whom are arriving  
by railroad and motor car every hour.  
The gathering tonight is considered  
but the vanguard of the rush that  
will set in at daybreak tomorrow.  
There is every indication that the  
gathering will be the largest and  
most representative that has ever  
witnessed an intercollegiate game in  
the United States. Former President  
Roosevelt has seats reserved. Sir  
George Paish, the English financier,  
will also be present, together with a  
host of famous Yale and Harvard  
alumni, government officials and re-  
presentatives of the social sets of  
principal cities of the east, south and  
west.Tickets for the game are just as  
scarce as though the game was to be  
played on the old gridiron. Instead of  
in the new "bowl" with its seating  
capacity of 70,000 spectators. There  
is a constant demand for coupons  
which cannot be supplied. Even of-  
fers of large premiums over the face  
value of tickets failed to bring forth  
the pasteboards, since speculators ap-  
pear to have failed entirely in their  
efforts to get tickets.The Yale players had an hour's  
signal drill in the Yale field followed  
by a short punting and drop-kicking  
session in the "bowl" today, after  
which the old uniforms and harness  
were burned in accordance with the  
time-honored custom.The Harvard squad, some seventy  
strong, is quartered in New London,  
and will not arrive here until an  
hour or two before the game. The  
Crimson schedule for the day consist-  
ed of an hour's signal drill on the  
field, followed by a blackboard talk  
on the new plays and defensive tactics  
to be employed against Yale.Showing up the turf in the new  
Yale "bowl" it is thought, will have  
a tendency to check open play, which  
has been a feature of the local eleven  
all season and as a result the Blue  
receded a point or two in waging  
odds. Early in the week the Elis  
were backing their team at almost  
even figures. Harvard's best offer  
was ten to nine on Cambridge con-  
ditions. Tonight's quotations rang-  
ed from five to four to ten to seven.  
Yale money was not abundant.DEAD BODIES  
BETRAY WRECKDrowned Boat Ashore from  
Unfortunate Bark Wreck-  
ed in Terrible Storm on  
Lake Superior—Cold  
Wave FollowsSENECA, Mich., Nov. 20.—Eight  
bodies were found on the shore of Lake Superior,  
about eight miles from here—  
two of them dead women. It  
is thought they came from the  
lumber barge Anna M.  
Peterson, which left Baraga  
late on Wednesday in tow of  
the steamer C. E. Curtis,  
loaded with lumber for Tonawanda, N. Y. The barge is  
believed to have been wrecked  
Lake Superior yesterday and  
last night.Evidence of Tragedy  
MARQUETTE, Nov. 20.—Three bod-  
ies were washed ashore near Grand  
Marais in a tangle of wreckage be-  
lieved to be part of the barge Anna  
M. Peterson.Cold Follows Storm  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The cold  
wave which spread over the southern  
states last night and tonight, forcing  
the mercury below the freezing point,  
and extending north to the Middle  
Atlantic states, had spent its force  
tonight, according to forecasters in  
the weather bureau, and reaction will  
come with quick effect bringing  
higher temperatures.COMMANDERS  
OF CRUISERS  
STILL LACONICIn First Message Received  
from Tennessee and North  
Carolina Sec. Daniels Gets  
No Additional News of  
Turkish AttackWILL KEEP SHIPS  
IN GREEK WATERSDispatch from Captains  
Merely Confirms Reports  
of Smyrna Incident, and  
Daniels Asks for a Full  
Report[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Secretary  
Daniels received messages from Cap-  
tain Decker of the cruiser Tennessee  
and Captain Oman of the North Car-  
olina acknowledging his instructions  
not to act in Turkish waters without  
Washington's instructions. Neither  
supplied additional details incident to  
the Turkish firing on the Tennessee's  
launch at Smyrna a few days ago. A  
report from Ambassador Morgenthau  
is expected on Saturday or Sunday.  
Because of Turkey's sensitiveness to  
the presence of foreign warships near  
her coast, Secretary Daniels will  
probably keep the American cruisers  
at Chios, Greece, half a day's sail  
from Asia Minor. They will not be  
withdrawn from the Mediterranean  
no matter who is responsible for the  
Tennessee affair.This is the first word from the  
Tennessee since Captain Decker's  
laconic dispatch of Wednesday con-  
firming the newspaper reports of the  
Smyrna incident. Secretary Daniels  
has asked for a full report, but owing  
to the difficulty of communicating  
with that part of the world, there is  
no saying when it will arrive.JURY SAYS "GUILTY"  
BUT "JUSTIFIABLE"Man Who Killed Employer for With-  
holding Wages Because of Ex-  
treme Provocation[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Al-  
though the coroner's jury found Joseph  
L. Coco had killed George E. Gray of  
the firm of Gray Brothers, quartermen  
and contractors, and held him to trial,  
it stated "the crime was committed un-  
der extreme provocation" and recom-  
mended special consideration as to the  
"justifiability of the crime." Lo-  
coco shot Gray because he was unable  
to obtain wages a month overdue while  
his wife and children were starving and  
the landlord threatened eviction.Verdict: "Said deceased came to his  
death at the hands of Jos. Lococo un-  
der circumstances of extreme provo-  
cation. We, however, do not feel like  
justifying Lococo in said act, but we  
recommend that he be held for prop-  
er trial as to the evidence of the insti-  
tution of the crime."  
"We find the method of holding pay-  
ments to laboring classes for uncer-  
tain paydays is not confined to Gray  
brothers alone, but is quite prevalent."  
"We deplore the fact that the law  
passed for the remedy of this evil by  
the last legislature has been evaded and  
is incapable of enforcement. We  
recommend that competent authority  
give this matter its urgent attention  
and that either a proper constitutional  
law be passed, remedying this evil or  
that ample powers be vested in the  
state labor commission for controlling  
these conditions."TO HASTEN LETTING THE  
STATE BANKS IN RESERVEBoston Federal Reserve Bank Placed  
on Same Basis as New York  
and PhiladelphiaWASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Effort  
will be made by the federal  
reserve board to settle quickly the  
question of entrance of the state  
banks into the federal reserve sys-  
tem without sacrificing their state  
charters. The chief point is that  
loans on real estate are permitted in  
most state banks, are not in national  
banks.  
The federal reserve board tonight  
announced a change in the redis-  
count rate of the Boston federal re-  
serve bank on thirty day paper, from  
6 per cent to 5½ per cent, putting  
the Boston bank on the same footing  
as those of New York and Phila-  
delphia. This is the first change  
made since the rates to be charged  
in all reserve banks were announced  
last week.ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.  
Nov. 20.—General Jose  
Inez Salazar escaped from  
the Bernalillo county jail  
at Old Albuquerque to-  
night.GREAT BRITAIN WILL NOT  
MODIFY WOOL EMBARGOAmerican Dealers Refused Chance to  
Get Australian Raw Material[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Great  
Britain has declined to modify its ab-  
solute embargo on the exportation of  
wool from Australia and other British  
dominions in favor of American manu-  
facturers.It is hoped that after the needs of  
the British army are supplied, Ameri-  
cans will be permitted to buy supplies  
guaranteeing neither the wool nor  
the manufactured product will reach  
Australia or Germany, but the state de-  
partment was informed by exceptions  
would be made. The embargo was  
placed at the outbreak of the war on  
certain grades only but when the  
British army was increased to a mil-  
lion men, all grades were included. It  
is still hoped that Great Britain will  
find she will not need all her wool. The  
Australian wool growers are also an-  
xious for American competition at the  
approaching wool auctions.Last year the United States imported  
\$40,000,000 worth of wool.  
It was also reported unofficially the  
British privy council had decided to  
place an embargo on the exportation of  
rubber.FOREST FIRES RAGE IN  
CALIFORNIA COUNTIESFive Fires Cover big Area in Los An-  
geles and Other DistrictsLOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—Five forest  
fires which started yesterday in  
Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Orange  
and San Bernardino counties either  
burned themselves out or are under  
control tonight. Many head of cattle,  
and several ranch houses are reported  
destroyed.Hundreds of men under the direction  
of Forest Supervisor Charlton and his  
rangers spent last night and today  
fighting the fires. The direction of the  
wind added them materially. In the Te-  
posquet district of Santa Barbara  
county the fire burned an area of ten  
miles wide and 16 long. The damage  
was greatest there.NO CHANGE OF  
POLICIES SAYS  
GOV. JOHNSONPerfection and Development  
of Present Plans Will Be  
Carried Out Without Rad-  
ical Departures—Rural  
Credits Endorsed[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—Gov.  
Johnson was the guest of honor at  
the Southern California ratification  
banquet here tonight. Nine hundred  
people, many of them from other  
parts of the state, sat at the banquet  
board.The affair afforded Johnson's fol-  
lowers an opportunity to visualize the  
nonpartisanship of his supporters and  
served the governor to publicly an-  
nounce the trend of his adminis-  
tration policies during the coming term.  
In the party which arrived here this  
morning from Sacramento, were the  
Governor and Mrs. Johnson, Surveyor  
General W. S. Kingsbury, State Rail-  
road Commissioner E. O. Edgerdon,  
C. C. Young, Speaker of the Assem-  
bly, and Alexander McChie, the gov-  
ernor's secretary.The proposed system of rural cre-  
dits and his hope of non-partisan  
state elections were the chief themes  
of Governor Johnson. He also em-  
phasized that his efforts would be  
directed to the perfection and de-  
velopment of the present adminis-  
tration policies rather than to the  
introduction of further reforms.  
"There will be no changes of pol-  
icy," the governor said. "Nothing rad-  
ical in the way of new legislation is  
in contemplation or will be attempted.  
It is my hope to carry out a policy of  
non-partisanship in state elections and  
also to put into effect a system of  
rural credits which will enable the  
man of small means to obtain funds  
for home construction on long time  
and at a moderate rate of interest.  
Aside from this, little in the way of  
new constructive legislation is likely  
to be proposed by me."REPORT BLANCO  
GRABS THE HELM  
FROM OBREGONMakes Himself Head of Af-  
fairs in Mexico City by  
Imprisoning Carranza's  
Leader—Troops Control  
Roads to CapitalCARRANZA FORCES  
EVACUATE CAPITALSituation Becomes More and  
More Involved as Villa's  
Armies Advance—Obre-  
gon's Destination Still a  
Mystery[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
VERA CRUZ, Nov. 20.—An uncon-  
firmed report has reached here that  
Gen. Lucio Blanco of the constitution-  
alist forces, by a coup d'etat, has made  
himself executive head in Mexico City,  
by imprisoning General Obregon.The only means of communication  
with Mexico City is by wire, traffic on  
both railroads leading from Vera Cruz  
to the capital having been interrupted.  
Mexican officials say the interruption  
was caused by the demand for rolling  
stock by the constitutionalists for the  
movement of troops.Blanco Controls Capital  
MEXICO CITY, Nov. 20.—General  
Blanco's troops have taken complete  
command of all roads leading out of  
the capital and the lines of troops in  
the suburbs which are facing the front  
of Zapata supporters, have been  
strongly reinforced. It is believed that  
Gen. Lucio Blanco will remain to pro-  
tect the inhabitants from a raid by Za-  
pata adherents. A meeting of all the  
generals in the city was held at Blan-  
co's headquarters to discuss the situa-  
tion.Villa Troops Confident  
EL PASO, Nov. 20.—The Mexican  
situation today became more and more  
involved. Villa troops, flushed by the  
reported occupation of Queretaro, the  
dominant position in central Mexico,  
and by the report that Obregon is pre-  
paring to evacuate Mexico City, asserted  
their belief that victory had been  
accomplished by the convention forces.  
Villa's agents tonight declared that  
three strong columns of the division of  
the north, which they asserted aggre-  
gated 60,000, are moving; one headed  
by Villa himself with Angeles' artillery  
toward Mexico City, another from Ira-  
pato under Gen. Raoul Madero to-  
ward Guadalupe, on the west coast  
and the third by General Serin from  
San Luis Potosi toward Tampico.Situation Grows Darker  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Official  
advice to the United States govern-  
ment from its agents throughout Mex-  
ico today showed that the situation is  
more confused than in many months.  
Official telegrams summarized events  
thus: "General Gutierrez was selected  
provisional president by the Aguas Cal-  
ientes convention. Villa has advanced  
to Irapuato without resistance and will  
continue to Queretaro, in the vicinity  
of Mexico City without difficulty. Gen.  
Obregon in Mexico City is still loyal  
to Carranza and has formally declared  
war on Villa. Unrest, and apprehen-  
sion prevail in Mexico City as Carranza  
troops are evacuating the city to-  
day. The purpose of the move is un-  
explained."Obregon will leave the capital Satur-  
day. One message says he is going to  
Salina Cruz, expecting to move north  
and get in the rear of Villa's troops.  
another telegram said that Obregon  
would probably go to Vera Cruz to join  
Carranza who will formally take over  
the city from American troops on Mon-  
day. All public offices in Mexico City  
are vacated and American agents there  
do not know whether it is the purpose  
of the Obregon-Carranza faction to  
leave the place undefended or whether  
a small garrison will be kept there  
when Gen. Pablo Gonzales and other  
Carranza forces move north to meet  
Villa's advance. Railroad communica-  
tion north of Mexico City has been in-  
terrupted and the line to Vera Cruz  
cut to San Marcos by a band of men  
either Zapatistas or ex-federalists. It is  
rumored at Villa's headquarters that  
Puebla has been occupied by Zapata  
forces, but this is unconfirmed.CAVALRYMEN ARE  
HELD IN RESERVEPRAIRIE CREEK, Nov. 20.—United  
States cavalrymen will not act as a  
continual guard of non-union miners  
employed by Franklin Baehs as re-  
ceiver of the Baehs-Denman inter-  
ests, according to orders issued by  
Major N. F. McClure, in command  
of the camp here.  
Three deputy United States mar-  
shals will have charge of the protec-  
tion of the men in camp, and in go-  
ing to and from the mines. The sol-  
diers, however, will be called upon  
in case of need. Everything is  
quiet.